

(b) (3) = P.L. 86-36

~~SECRET SPOKE~~

CATEGORY = 4

M = 28

MESSAGE = 02615994

DF

#8428 2422314

ZNY MMNSH  
 ZKZK PP ZLZ HAH DE  
 P 302041Z AUG 74  
 FM DIRNSA  
 TO NSA/UNIFORM SIERRA/ NCR NMCC WHITE HOUSE  
 ZEM

~~SECRET SPOKE ISHTAR~~

XXMM

ENP01F0074242 2/00/13372-74 (VCJ) PREPARATIONS FOR POW EXCHANGE BEING MADE IN  
 NORTHERN LAOS  
 XXCC

THE PLANNED MOVEMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR EX-CHANGES WAS REVEALED ON 27 AUGUST  
 BY THE NVA 4TH ENGINEER BATTALION OF BINH TRAM 11 OPERATING IN XIENG KHOUANG  
 PROVINCE, LAOS. THE NUMBERS AND NATIONALITIES OF THE PRISONERS WERE NOT  
 SPECIFIED, BUT THEY ARE TO MOVE ALONG ROUTE 7 SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD  
 BETWEEN 31 AUGUST AND 4 SEPTEMBER. IN PREPARATION FOR THE PRISONER MOVEMENT,  
 THE 4TH BATTALION IS REPAIRING A 13 KILOMETER SECTION OF ROUTE 7 FROM KILOMETER  
 MARKER 340 TO 352, LOCATED IN THE DAN BAN-XIENG KHOUANG AREA. FOUR THOUSAND  
 LOGS WILL BE NEEDED TO CORDUROY THE SECTION OF MUDDY ROAD THAT HAS BEEN  
 SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY THE RAINS. THE WORK IS BEING HAMPERED BY A LACK OF  
 GASOLINE AND REPAIR MATERIALS. ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, THE PATHET LAO ARE  
 SCHEDULED TO RELEASE ITS PRISONERS AS PART OF A GENERAL PRISONER EXCHANGE ON 12  
 SEPTEMBER. THE EXCHANGE INCLUDES AN AMERICAN CIVILIAN PILOT AS WELL AS LAOTIANS  
 AND THAIS. THE PILOT'S RELEASE, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 12 SEPTEMBER, HAS BEEN  
 POSTPONED TO 19 SEPTEMBER. ISHTAR XGDS 2 XXHH #8428

Approved for release by NSA on 07-18-2014, Transparency Case# 65886

~~SECRET SPOKE~~

942015-1-1-0027

1987

1600